## A Direction in a Call of God for Life

Proverbs 16:9 states "a man's heart deviseth his ways but the Lord directeth his steps." In everything we do and everything we say, we want God to direct us. But how do we achieve this? It sounds too simple just to say, 'follow his word' but this is exactly what we not only should do but must do if we endeavor to become more like Jesus.

## 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' Acts 20:35b

...yet in giving we do receive. We receive the joy of the fruit of the Spirit of knowing we are doing and sowing into God's kingdom, and 'lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.' Matthew 6:20-21

Have you ever tried to hold onto a paycheck thinking you have extra then something unexpected happens and you end up with less because of the added expense? If we belong to Christ Jesus then until we line up with the way he directs us in his word we will only be hurting ourselves and will be unable to hold on to anything, whether it be finances, family or possessions. We must come to a point where we trust God with everything.

## Sowing & Reaping verses Buying & Selling

When we watch an advertisement, we see what we want or would like for ourselves, for our own personal gain or use. So we buy it or buy into it, whether it is a house, a car, a job or even looking for a spouse. Then when things don't go the way we think they should we no longer want it, thus it has lost its value to us.

But sowing is the total opposite. It starts out seeking to help someone besides ourselves by giving. And not just giving but giving where God directs us to give. And in giving, whether it be to our church, our family, our community or our place of employment with our time. God opens doors and windows for us to be blessed in so many different avenues; we can't even count them all. Nevertheless, the more you give the more you want to give to the pouring out of yourself. And God has taken a heart of stone and given us a heart of flesh whereby our hearts are not grudgingly giving but willingly giving. If you give sporadically, begin to give habitually. If you are not tithing, take a leap of faith

and tithe. If you tithe, pray for the direction of giving the overflow to God. The value of giving can never be diminished or devalued simply because Jesus gave even his own life to the pouring out of his last drop of blood that we might have newness of life by the remission of our sins.

## Come Grow with us!

What a great time to get into God's ministry, at the beginning stages, helping to lay the foundation to build! We at Disciples of Grace Ministries welcome any willing hearts to come grow with us by sowing into this ministry. We have just acquired our building, located at 732 Oak Summit Road Winston-Salem, NC 27105, and want to grow in grace, love and disciples as the Lord directs and are in need for updating and beautifying this blessed facility. Our heart's desire is for all of the ministries at Disciples of Grace Ministries to abound in being the workmanship of God.

We hold accountability in our collected donations. Our church board reviews our accounts on a monthly basis. We also have a special accountant that reviews our expenditures at the end of the year.

We at Disciples of Grace Ministries are about our Father's business in seeking to bring souls to Christ Jesus, whether they are a part of our ministry or God plants them elsewhere. There is only one Kingdom, one body, one Lord, who is the head, Jesus Christ, Amen.

- Exo. Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever [is] of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass,
- Exo. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, [and] they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.